



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

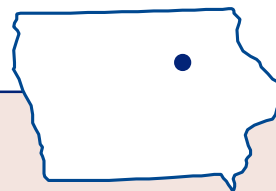
## *Waterloo, IA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Waterloo was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city, once known as the Factory City of Iowa, has a population of nearly 69,000. The closure of the Chamberlain Manufacturing Complex and the farm crisis of the mid-1980s significantly impacted the economic vitality of the community. The former Chamberlain site is located in a state-designated Enterprise Zone and is part of the city's Consolidated Urban Revitalization Area. The poverty rate in the area surrounding the Chamberlain site is high and a significant number of elderly residents also live in this area. Waterloo has one of the highest minority and low-income populations in the state. Residents of impacted neighborhoods asked the city to apply for this



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
\$100,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of Waterloo for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to perform Phase I and Phase II assessments of a major abandoned manufacturing complex within the city's Consolidated Urban Revitalization Area. Grant funds also will be used for redevelopment planning and to continue public outreach efforts.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Waterloo has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

grant, and the community will continue to be extensively involved in the city's brownfields redevelopment efforts.